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WE'VE BEEN HAVING GOOD WEATHER RECENTLY
YUKIORI SAMA THE FLOWERS ARE NOW ALL IN FULL BLOOM
EH ?
LET'S ARRANGE THEM IN THE ROOM
AREN'T THEY PRETTY ??
SO THEY ARE

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JUST A PLACE FOR ME TO TALK FREELY. NO MATTER WHEN, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING!

NOO-- JUST KIDDING. ACTUALLY, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT TALKING WITH NEW PEOPLE, BUT I REALLY DO LIKE TALKING.

MY FAVORITES - #1

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RED TEA, COFFEE, HERBAL TEA; I LOVE THEM ALL! WITHOUT A CUP OF ANY OF THESE BEVERAGES IN THE MORNING, I WON'T BE ABLE TO REALLY WAKE UP.

DRINKING TEA MAKES ME SO HAPPY--

THIS IS A TEAPOT THAT I BOUGHT AT FIRST GLANCE. IT'S A LEMON COLOR, AND THE SPOUT IS GOLDEN.

HE'S GONE AGAIN !?
I THINK IT'S THE SAME FRIEND HE WAS VISITING LAST TIME
DO YOU KNOW THIS 'FRIEND'S NAME ?
MUKA-ZUKI ...

HMPH
HEY YO- U'RE JUST A KID THERE'S NO NEED TO BLUSH
ACTU- ALLY, NO
MIKAZUKI SAMA HAS NEVER MENT- IONED IT, SO I DON'T WANT TO ASK
ANYWAY, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHERE HE IS
WHERE THE HELL HAS MIKAZUKI GONE?! HE LEFT WITHOUT A WORD
UNLESS HE AND THAT FAIRY ARE
NO !
DON'T WOR- RY
KASAI SAMA, ARE YOU ANGRY ?

THAT'S GOOD !!
WHEN KASA! SAMA SMILES, HE'S LIKE THE SUN
HIS SMILE WOULD COMFORT ANYONE
SHOVE!
WAH!
KO-CHI
KO-CHI
DON'T GET SO CLOSE !!!
OUCH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

I SEE
SO THEN YOU ACCEPTED KASUMI AS YOUR STUDENT
YES
ENEMY
ENEMY
ENEMY
ENEMY
NEVER MIND, KOCHI I REALLY LIKE KASUMI
B-BUT, KASAI SAMA...
BUT NATURALLY, I LIKE KOCHI AS WELL
SO LET'S ALL BE FRIENDS!

I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM THE MORTAL WORLD TOO LONG. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS ANY-MORE.
ARE YOUNG GIRLS ALWAYS SO TENSE...?
SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK ME...?
THIS WAS ACTUALLY THE REASON I CAME TO FIND YOU SEVERAL DAYS AGO. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAD TO RETURN ON SOME URGENT BUSINESS
SO I DECIDED TO COME AND ASK YOU.
I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER IF SHE HAD A FEMALE FIGURE HEAD TO TALK TO...
LACK OF CONFIDENCE...?
NO, I BELIEVE IT'S JUST MY OWN FEELING...
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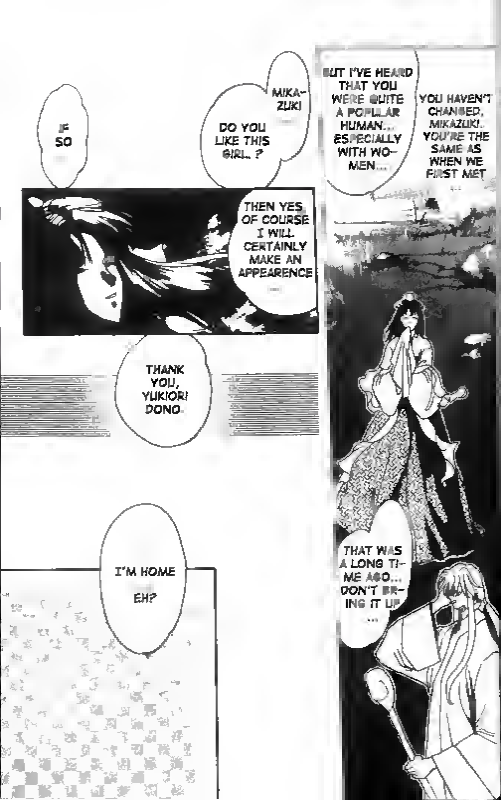
DOES THIS CHILD NOT LIKE YOU, MIKAZUKI...?


IF SO
MIKAZUKI
DO YOU LIKE THIS GIRL ?
THEN YES, OF COURSE I WILL. CERTAINLY MAKE AN APPEARENCE
THANK YOU, YUKIORI DONO.
I'M HOME
EH?
BUT I'VE HEARD THAT YOU WERE QUITE A POPULAR HUMAN... ESPECIALLY WITH WOMEN...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, MIKAZUKI. YOU'RE THE SAME AS WHEN WE FIRST MET
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO... DON'T BRING IT UP ...

EH...?
MM.
HEY
WE'VE ALREADY EATEN, YOU KNOW
WELCOME BACK MIKAZUKI SAMA!
WOW
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LADY
SORRY FOR INTRUDING

A FAIRY !!
AND THIS IS KOCHI
HI
I'M KASAI, GOD OF THE WEST WIND WE MET THE OTHER DAY...
THIS IS YUKIORI DONO
THIS BEAUTIFUL FAIRY...
YOU'RE KASUMI RIGHT?
I'M YUKIORI
MIKAZUKI HAS TOLD ME THAT HE HAS TAKEN ON A STUDENT, AND THAT I MUST MEET YOU.
IS MY IDEAL IDOL !!
I... I WANT TO BECOME A FAIRY AS WELL!
MIKAZUKI.
EH?
...

YOU PROMISE, MIKAZUKI!
MIKAZUKI ONCE TOLD ME THAT IT IS HARDER FOR FEMALES TO BE A SUCCESSFUL FAIRY.
SECRET
BUT SHE IS SUCH A YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL LADY FAIRY!
I HOPE THAT MAYBE SHE WILL TEACH ME TO TAKE THE SAME PATH THAT SHE DID!
HEY! ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT YOU THINK ABOUT KASUMI AND NOT RUSH INTO THINGS.
YOU RE MISTAKEN
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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
I'M DOING THIS FOR KASUMI !!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ?
ARE YOU REALLY ? YOU BETTER BE
FORGET IT!! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE !!
SLAM...
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE THINKING!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH KASAI ?
AND HE ATE MY DINNER TOO!
LOOK
WHY WOULD I LIE TO YOU ?!
MIKAZUKI SAMA! MAY I GO OUT ?
YUKIORI SAMA SAID SHE COULD TAKE ME TO MY VILLAGE !!!

WOW ...
WHAT A PRETTY VILLAGE ...
I WON'T !
BUT MAKE SURE YOU DON'T WEAR YUKIORI DONO OUT.
OF COU-RSE
THIS IS THE WORK OF MIKA-ZUKI SAMA!
I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE HIM !!

YES ?
BUT TO BE ABLE TO BECOME A PROTECTOR
TO PROTECT IT ?
YES !!
OH!! NOTHING
TO BECOME A GUARDIAN OF A VILLAGE, THIS GIRL WILL HAVE TO WORK FOR A LONG TIME
BUT I SHOULDN'T TRY DISCOURAGE HER
BUT HOW ABOUT IF WE CHANGED YOUR APPEARENCE A LITTLE?
BUT... I CAN'T LET THE VILLAGERS RECOGNIZE ME
KASUMI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO DOWN THERE?
EH...?!

WELL ...
YUKIORI SAMA SEEMS LIKE SUCH A NICE, SENSIBLE LADY ...
MM ...
I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT SHE WOULD SUGGEST SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
AND IF WE PUT THIS ON YOUR HEAD ...
SHE SMELLS SO GOOD
I THINK WE'RE DONE !!
WHAT A CUTE BOY YOU MAKE!
HA?! A BOY !?
REALLY !!

TURNING YOU INTO A BOY WOULD LESSEN THE SUSPICIONS WOULDN'T IT...?
MY HEART IS NOT BEATING FASTER BECAUSE I'M NERVOUS ABOUT RETURNING TO THE VILLAGE. BUT BECAUSE YUKIORI SAMA... REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF MY MOTHER...
WILL I BECOME LIKE HER...?
EVEN THOUGH WE ONLY JUST MET, I FEEL LIKE SHE IS MY SISTER...
OKAY! RIGHT NOW, I'M A BOY!!
AND BOYS TAKE LARGE STRIDES WHEN THEY WALK!
EXACTLY!!

DON!
DON!
IT'S OKAY!!
DON!
DON!
DON!
DON!
THIS IS GREAT! NO ONE CAN RECOGNIZE ME!
THAT'S... REALLY GOOD...
DON!

KASUMI !!
KASUMI !!
A-CHAN! YA-CHAN!
WHAT'S WRONG ?
LA LA LA
LA LA

THEY... WALKED PAST ME...
SMILING AND LAUGHING.
WERE THOSE YOUR FRIENDS...?
EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME...
I THINK ABOUT THE BOTH OF THEM EVERYDAY.
KASUMI....

THOSE TWO GIRLS MUST HAVE BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS OF YOURS....
BUT THEY DO REMEMBER YOU. THEY HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN KASUMI AT ALL ....
.....
YOU CAN'T BE DISCOVERED, RIGHT...?
YOU CAN'T LOOK SO SAD... YOU ARE A BOY NOW...
I WASN'T HOPING FOR ANYTHING REALLY ...
IF THEY KNEW THAT YOU WERE ACTUALLY KASUMI, THEY WOULD BE SO HAPPY. THEY WOULD CRY

I WILL TRUST YUKIORI SAMA LIKE I DO MIKAZUKI SAMA
I BELIEVE HER WORDS
EH ??
MM ...
THAT'S TRUE ...
FATHER MUST BE IN THE GARDEN...
AND MOTHER IS WASHING THE CLOTHES ...
HM? ARE YOU TIRED ...?
THAT HOUSE
IS WHERE I USED TO LIVE

MM!
LET'S GO!
SHALL WE GO BACK?
YES, MIKAZUKI MAY GET WORRIED ABOUT US
I WON'T EVER BE ALONE AGAIN
.....
BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN EVERY-BODY!

HELLO, LITTLE GIRL
SHALL WE CALL A CLOUD ..?
THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES WITH MIKAZUKI ..?
HIS EARS ARE POINTED IS HE A GIA?!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE ?!
!!
SO YOU CAME TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
WHO ARE YOU?! WHAT DO YOU WANT !?

DON'T PLAY GAMES.
WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ...? WE IS JUST PASSERS BY!
YOUR VOICE IS STILL THE SAME
OUR EARS CAN TELL
THAT YOU ARE THE SAME GIRL THAT WE CAUGHT BEFORE
EH ...
WHAT CAN I DO?!
HEY! A SELF CONFESSION !!
NO! MIKAZUKI SAMA WOULN'T DO
DID YOU KNOW ?
YOU'RE ALL PLANNING TO FIGHT THE GIA AGAIN

SO, LITTLE GIRL! NOW WE WANT YOUR BLOOD TO PAY!
!!
GRAND BIA DIDN'T PUNISH YOU. BUT YOU WERE IN THE WRONG!! SO WE'LL TAKE MATTERS IN OUR OWN HANDS!
STOP!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED
YUKIORI SAMA RUN!
BUT YOU CANNOT TAKE YOUR ANGER OUT ON A CHILD!
SO YOU SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
THIS IS A BATTLE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND BIA. WHAT'S MORE, OUR TARGET IS MIKAZUKI

SO,
I SEE ...
THEN I WON'T HOLD BACK.
WHAT?!

I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN... I'M ALSO FROM THE HEAVENS.
WHAT?!
IS THIS HER POWER...?
AND YOU'RE ALSO MISTAKEN ABOUT MIKAZUKI!!
WHAT IS THIS COLD AIR?!
I... I CAN'T MOVE!!
MIKAZUKI IS NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON TO HOLD GRUDGES.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE TRUTH BEFORE YOU SPEAK!
DAMMIT... COULD IT BE THAT SHE'S THE SNOW FAIRY?!

OH ...
I'M STILL SHAK-ING...
THANK YOU, YUKIONI SAMA ...
ARE YOU HURT —?
I WAS ACTUALLY SCARED AT THE TIME I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR POWER WAS SO GREAT
IT'S ALL OVER NOW WE SHOULD BE GETTING HOME

@RAND @IA ASKED US TO KEEP WATCH HERE...
BUT WE CAN'T FLY, NOR CAN WE COMMAND WIND NOR SNOW.
DAM-MIT!
MY BODY WAS FROZEN ....
WE UNDER-ESTI-MATED THEM ...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, @OU...?
WE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT THIS WAS A TRAP SET UP BY HEAVEN ....
WE'LL HAVE TO ATTACK THEM !!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO, IS THINK OF SUCCESS !!
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NO, I'M JUST GLAD YOU BOTH ARE SAFE
I'M SORRY I SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN KASUMI
I M ALSO AT FAULT I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU ABOUT THIS MATTER

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FAVORITE THINGS (2)

I LIKE TAKING WALKS IN OPEN AREAS, SO THAT I CAN SEE THE SKY CLEARLY

I TAKE THE BUS TO PARK FOR STROLLS, AND IT IS A NICE FEELING SO I OFTEN GO TO THE PARK

FROM INSIDE THE PARK, THERE IS A SMALL PATHWAY THAT LEADS TO A SHRINE CURRENTLY, THAT IS MY FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT

WHEREB?? OF COURSE, THAT IS A SECRET!!

OH YEAH, WHEN I GO SKIING, I LIKE TO SIT ON THE ELEVATOR THAT TAKES YOU UP THE MOUNTAIN I ALWAYS LOOK UP TO WATCH THE CLOUDS I REALLY REALLY LOVE THE SKY!

IF YOU LOOK AT THE SKY, MAYBE ONE DAY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE A UFO!!

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YOU MEAN, WHEN KASAI SAMA CAME TO SEE US LAST TIME, IT WAS BECAUSE OF AN ATTACK BY THE @IAP!

SO KASAI CAME TO FIND YOU IN ORDER TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM ...

AT FIRST, WE THOUGHT IT WAS A REGULAR FIRE, BUT THEN IT WAS TOO SUSPICIOUS

THE FACT THAT RARASU WAS BEING BURNED... WAS TOO COINCIDENTAL, ESPECIALLY SINCE FAIRIES AND GODS CANNOT STAND ITS SMOKE I BELIEVE THEY WERE TRYING TO AVENGE THEMSELVES

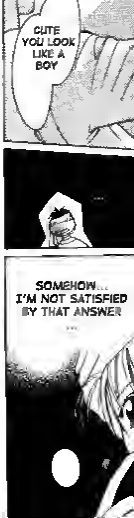
WASN'T IT THAT NIGHT THAT AYA AND KOCHI SEEMED TO ACT STRANGE...?
"FAIRIES AND GODS CAN'T STAND BARASU..."
THAT NIGHT, KOCHI WAS FORCING HIMSELF NOT TO SHOW HIS PAIN...
REALLY

KASUMI, THE GIA NOW KNOW YOUR FACE
YOU MUST BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON
IGNORANT
HE'S REALLY RELAXED
I'M SORRY
I DRAGGED YOU INTO THAT
NO! IT'S OKAY
AS LONG AS MIKAZUKI SAMA IS AT MY SIDE
WELL
HM
I'LL BE OK

THIS IS SO GOOD
THE ATTACK BY THE SIA TRIBE WAS REALLY SCARY
BUT

THAT'S AN EVEN MORE SCARY THOUGHT
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YUKIORI SAMA
THEN THE RESULT SURELY WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT

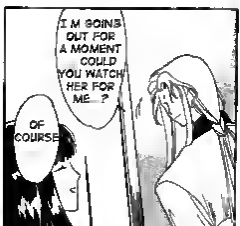
MIKAZUKI SAMA!! HOW DO I LOOK ...?!
CUTE YOU LOOK LIKE A BOY


SOMEHOW... I'M NOT SATISFIED BY THAT ANSWER

EH
I FEEL SO WEAK
YOUR FACE SEEMS RED
REALLY? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I JUST HAD A BATH
OH NO! YOU HAVE A FEVER !!
AYA!! HURRY AND GET MIKAZUKI !!
I THINK SHE'LL BE ALRIGHT IF SHE GETS A LITTLE REST...
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, YUKIORI DONO
IF ONLY I HADN'T TAKEN HER DOWN THERE

AND WE DIDN'T EVEN GET RECOGNIZED IN THE VILLAGE...
I'M SO GLAD WE WENT...
BUT YUKI-ORI SAMA WAS SO AMAZING
SO DRESSING AS A BOY WAS SUCCESSFUL
EVEN IF THE GIA FOUND ME OUT MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY DID NOT...
YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP NOW

SHE'S JUST A CHILD...
A GIRL... AT THAT...
WHAT DO THE GIA WANT WITH HER LIFE...?
KASUMI...
HUAAA.
AM I SITTING ON THE CLOUDS...


I M GOING OUT FOR A MOMENT COULD YOU WATCH HER FOR ME...?
OF COURSE

KOCHI ??
YE-AH ??
CLAP

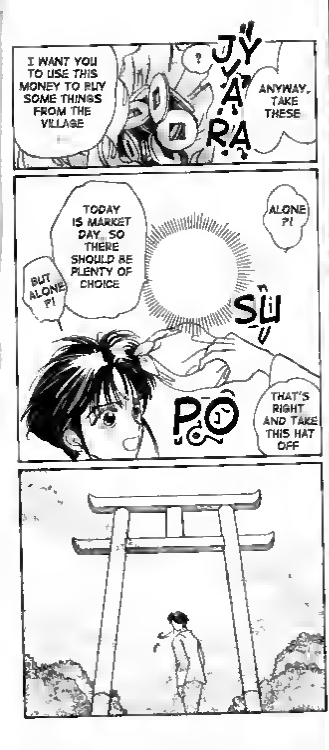
I'M GOING TO COLLECT THE 'SACRIFICES' DO YOU WANT TO COME ??
TO THE HUMAN WORLD?! BUT HOW ?!
BY THE CLOUDS, OF COURSE

PO-
KO
!!
REA-
LLY
??
EH??
HOW CAN
WE DO
THAT
??
BUT
WE'LL HAVE TO
DO SOMETHING
TO AVOID RECOG-
NITION BY THE
GIA TRIBE
?
WE SHOULD
CHANGE OUR
VOICE
YEAH,
OK!!
LET'S GO!
COME ON!
OK OK
IS HE
BEING
SERIOUS
...?
THEIR SENSE OF
HEARING ARE MUCH
SHARPER THAN OURS
AND HUMANS SO
WE MUST STILL BE
CAREFUL..

NO KIDDING YOU CHANGED YOUR VOICE
LALALA
IT JUST DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ME
OH! AH! LA!
YEAH, OK, OK!!
THIS IS GREAT! LET'S FLY HIGHER!!!
WITHOUT THE CONCEPT OF FLYING ON CLOUDS, WHAT D BE THE POINT OF LIVING!?
LOOK, WE AREN'T GOING TO PLAY...
IT'S POS-GY...
IT S SO HUMANS WON T BE ABLE TO SEE US...

IS THIS THIS SHRINE ?
EH ?
HUMANS ARE QUITE AMAZING
THERE WAS A DROUGHT AND THE VILLAGERS USED KASUMI AS A HUMAN SACRIFICE
EH !?
THAT PICTURE
A GRAVE TABLET?!
MIKAZUKI SAMA! THAT
SACRIFICE?!
BUT DIDN'T THEY CARE ABOUT HER FEELINGS ?
THEY HEARTLESSLY CHOSE HER
BUT THEN SHE BEGGED ME TO LET HER BE MY STUDENT
THEY KNOW THAT WE LIKE TO EAT "CLOUDS"*, SO SHE WAS CHOSEN
SHE'S ALSO A LIVE SACRIFICE

*KASUMI = CLOUDS


I WANT YOU TO USE THIS MONEY TO BUY SOME THINGS FROM THE VILLAGE
JYARA
ANYWAY, TAKE THESE
TODAY IS MARKET DAY, SO THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF CHOICE
BUT ALONE?!
ALONE?!
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THAT'S RIGHT AND TAKE THIS HAT OFF
IF IT WERE ME... I WOULD HATE THIS VILLAGE
KASUMI HAS HER OWN WAY OF THINKING

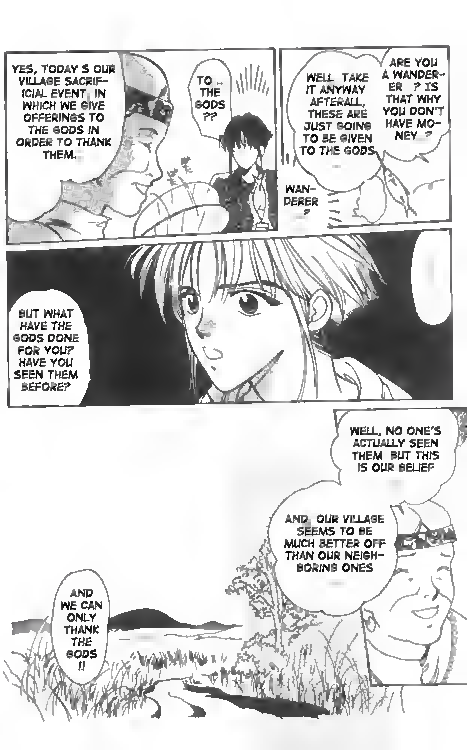
I TRUST YOU ...
AT HEART, YOU AREN'T A BAD PERSON AT ALL
SO I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT

HEY! KID!!
WOW!! WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE
ME?
YEAH, YOU!
YOU WANNA BUY SOME SHOES?
YEAH YEAH, SURE SURE
I'M NO KID !!

NO ONE WOULD THINK TO ASK THE OTHER HOW THEY ARE....
IS THIS CALLED HAVING A 'HUMAN CONSCIENCE'...?
WHY ARE THEY ALL SO NAIVE?
ADULTS AND CHILDREN ARE ALIKE
HEAVEN IS NOTHING LIKE THIS EVERYONE IS QUIET

JUST AS I THOUGHT
HE'S HERE.
THERE IS HEAVY FOG
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL FROM HERE ON!

SNIFF
WHAT IS THAT?
OH, WELCOME! THE FISH ARE VERY TASTY TODAY
I'VE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE. ARE YOU A TOURIST? YOU LOOK QUITE PALE. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A FISH STICK?
REALLY?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?


YES, TODAY'S OUR VILLAGE SACRIFICIAL EVENT, IN WHICH WE GIVE OFFERINGS TO THE GODS IN ORDER TO THANK THEM.
TO... THE GODS ??
WELL TAKE IT ANYWAY AFTERALL, THESE ARE JUST GOING TO BE GIVEN TO THE GODS...
ARE YOU A WANDERER ? IS THAT WHY YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY ?
WANDERER ?
BUT WHAT HAVE THE GODS DONE FOR YOU? HAVE YOU SEEN THEM BEFORE?
WELL, NO ONE'S ACTUALLY SEEN THEM BUT THIS IS OUR BELIEF
AND OUR VILLAGE SEEMS TO BE MUCH BETTER OFF THAN OUR NEIGHBORING ONES
AND WE CAN ONLY THANK THE GODS !!

HEH. YOU LOOK VERY SKEPTICAL. NO MATTER... WHEN YOU OWN A FARM OF YOUR OWN YOU WILL UNDERSTAND
ANYHOW WE ARE STILL VERY GRATEFUL.
HUH ?
SURE MIKAZUKI SAMA IS THE GUARDIAN, BUT THEY'VE NO PROOF OF HIS EXISTANCE!
SKY, EARTH AND SUN...
WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE IT ALL!
OH, ER .. THANKS
EH?
WHAT A GOOD CHILD YOU ARE!
EVEN YOU ARE LEARNING TO SAY ARE! 'THANK YOU' I'LL GIVE YOU MORE FOOD!
HMPH I KNEW HOW TO SAY 'THANK YOU' A LONG TIME AGO
I'LL TASTE IT NOW

IT'S REALLY GOOD !!
!
HAHAHA
HA HA
GLAD TO HEAR IT ..
IS IT THAT GOOD ?
MM !!
IT'S THAT GOOD !!
THAT MUST BE IT ....
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF HER....
HUH...? I DON'T GET IT... WHY DO I FEEL SO AT HOME IN THIS VILLAGE ?

AND SHE CAN'T COME BACK HERE BECAUSE SHE WAS SUPPOSEDLY KILLED IN SACRIFICE...
MAYBE I CAN TRY HELP HER SEE HOW HER PARENTS ARE DOING NOW...
HEY! WAIT, NO THIS ISN'T ANY OF MY BUSINESS !!
SHE USED TO LIVE HERE..
OH!
NO ONE KNOWS WHO I REALLY AM
KRA
?!
HI UNCLE
MY, UM, SISTER IS SICK AND CONFINED TO THE BED WHAT SHOULD I BET HER ??
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M OLDER
THAT I FEEL SORRY FOR HER

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOUR SMILE ...
BUT ALSO ...
HAVE YOU LEARNT SOME-THING?
SO YOU'RE BACK WAS IT FUN?
YEAH, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE !!
I ATE SOME FISH AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD!!
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EVERYONE TOOK ME FOR A TOURIST, AND WERE REALLY NICE
WELL, THEY ARE MORE TALKA-TIVE!
HUMANS LIVE DIFFERENT LIVES FROM US. DID YOU NOTICE THAT THEY ARE MORE GENTLE AND KIND ...?
HAHA

NOW I DON'T OWE YOU ANY-THING!
IT'S NO-THING SPE-CIAL !!

THIS
!!

HAPPY HAPPY
HAPPY

PA PA !!

THANK YOU, KOCHI !!

YUKIORI SAMA CALLED HIM "YOUNG"
YOUNG
YOUNG
YOUNG ... OOO
OH, SO YOUNG ??
"CUTE"? BUT HE'S 74 YEARS OLD!!
HOW SWEET! KOCHI SEEMS VERY CUTE!
EVERYONE IS WORRIED FOR ME!
IT'S SO GREAT
THAT I GOT TO COME TO THIS PLACE !!
HOW'S KASUMI ??
SHE WILL BE FINE
IF SHE RESTS A BIT MORE

HUMANS...
WAS I WRONG ABOUT THEM AFTER ALL...?
I'M NOT IN LOVE ...AM I ...?
HUMANS...
THEY ARE CHILDISH. THEY ARE MADE HAPPY SO EASILY.
[THANK YOU, KOCHI.]

I COULDN'T FIND A BREAK. I TRIED CONCENTRATING ON IT. BUT EVEN THEN, IT WAS USELESS.
I WAS PLANNING TO ATTACK HIM WHEN HE WENT TO COLLECT THE SACRIFICES. BUT
BY THE TIME I ARRIVED, HE WAS ALREADY AT THE SHRINE. HE'D PLACED A SPELL, AND I COULDN'T GET NEAR HIM.
IT'S NOT !!
WHAT IS @A GENERAL DOING?! THAT FIRE ESCAPADE IS SURELY NOT A SUFFICIENT REVENGE?!
WHY?! BECAUSE OF THE FOG? IN THE PAST, HIS MAGIC WAS PENETRABLE!
REPORT! GENERAL @A IS EXTREMELY ANGRY!
WE WILL PREPARE FOR ACTION !!

GOOD !
WHILE THE OTHERS ARE "PREPARING" I WILL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE !!
I GUESS THE GENERAL'S PLAN IS FOR THE BEST BUT
WE HAVE TO TAKE MATTERS IN OUR OWN HANDS!
BUT WILL IT WORK OUT ALRIGHT ?
THIS IS FOR THE PRIDE OF THE GIA !!
CAN I SPREAD OUT THE QUILTS AND PUT THEM AWAY?
YUP !!
DINNER'S READY! OH AND THE FRUITS ARE IN THE ICE ROOM.. CAN YOU ASK KOCHI TO GET THEM?

WE'VE TROUBLED YOU MUCH.
WON'T YOU STAY WITH US A FEW DAYS LONGER?
I'M SORRY BUT I MUST BE GOING
IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU NEED, PLEASE COME SEE ME
PI!
PI!
PI!
PI!
YUKIORI SAMA IS SO KIND! I HOPE SHE COMES AGAIN!
LIKE
A SISTER !! OR MOTHER !!
PLEASE COME AGAIN, YUKIORI SAMA!

MIKAZUKI SAMA
BUT I MUST THANK YOU
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT IT'S BETTER YOU WATCH OVER KASUMI.
I'LL GUIDE YOU TO YOUR HOME
YOUR SPEAKING WITH ME IS THANKING ME ENOUGH
"THANK ME"..? NO, OF COURSE NOT!
KASUMI HAS TAKEN TO YOU. IF IT'S ALRIGHT, YOU SHOULD COME AND VISIT AGAIN.
HA ...?
AND MIKAZUKI SAMA IS THE FATHER !!
I DON'T REALLY LIKE THE THOUGHT OF MIKAZUKI SAMA AS MY FATHER ...
BUT MIKAZUKI SAMA ... HE'S ...

NO...

I CAN'T THINK SUCH SINFUL THOUGHTS AFTERALL...

I AM A FAIRY.

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THERE IS A ROOM WHERE THE SHELVES ARE FILLED WITH BOOKS
IT'S IN THIS ROOM THAT I STUDY
THERE IS SO MUCH LARGE VOCABULARY IN THIS BOOK
CAN YOU REALLY STUDY WITH THAT POS-TURE ??
NOT THAT I CAN SAY I REALLY ENJOY IT

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MY FAVORITE THINGS PART THREE

"AUTUMN"

OF THE 4 SEASONS, AUTUMN IS MY FAVORITE

I'VE HEARD THAT PEOPLE TEND TO LIKE THE SEASON IN WHICH THEY WERE BORN. (HOW ABOUT YOU...?)

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT THIS IS THE REASON, BUT COINCIDENTALLY I WAS BORN IN AUTUMN!

WITH THE BLUE SKIES, CLEAR AIR, AND THE WIND BLOWING OVER MY BODY, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL SO RELAXED

AUTUMN SEEMS TO BE A SEASON THAT'S IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU FEEL SO ALIVE, LIKE YOU SHOULD BE RUNNING AROUND OUTSIDE. BUT IN TRUTH, I SPEND MORE TIME SLEEPING THAN EXERCISING!

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THEN USE A DICTIONARY, KASUMI

IF YOU KEEP UP THAT ATTITUDE, YOU WON'T LEARN ANYTHING

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ALRIGHT WHICH WORD DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND??

THIS JUST MEANS XXXX OR XXXX

THIS ONE

A FEW DAYS AGO, I SNUCK A PEEK AT HIM WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING
HM
USUALLY HE IS VERY STRICT WITH ME,
KASUMI!
ALTHOUGH MIKAZUKI SAMA IS A MAN
HIS HAIR IS SO FEMININE !!
BUT JUST THEN HE WAS VERY CUTE !!
KA SU MI !!
CAN YOU REALLY NOT CONCENTRATE FOR EVEN A MOMENT?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH YOU LET'S GO.
EH ?!
I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING PERHAPS IT WILL MOTIVATE YOU
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL !!

IS THIS THING MAGIC ? CAN YOU TEACH ME THIS?
NO. THIS IS NOT MAGIC IT'S MERELY LIGHT. IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH POWER
WHAT'S MORE, IT IS ONLY LIGHT AND PRODUCES NO HEAT

FAIRIES DON'T ACTUALLY LEAD SUCH 'EXTRAORDINARY' LIVES.
IF HE ISN'T ON A QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND ANSWERS, HIS LIFE IS LEFT TO LIVE AS SUCH.
WE ARE MERELY BORROWING THE POWERS OF [NATURE] WHEN WE BREATHE IN THIS POWER, WE WILL BECOME ONE WITH [NATURE]
BUT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE NO EVIL INTENT, OR ANY WISH TO ABUSE THIS POWER, [NATURE] WILL BE A FRIEND AND ALLY TO YOU
CREATING LIGHT OUT OF NO MATTER MAY SEEM LIKE A DIFFICULT TASK FOR YOU HUMANS
THIS LIGHT THAT YOU HAVE WITNESSED IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR PACT
?!?!
IS IT A LITTLE HARD TO UNDERSTAND ??
'LITTLE'?!
NN, UM ...
BUT, EVEN SO ...

I SEE YOUR POINT
WELL, THAT'S AN INTEREST-ING THEORY
EVEN IF IT DOESN'T PRODUCE HEAT OUR BODIES ARE FILLED WITH SUCH WARMTH
SUCH A LIGHT CAN MAKE A HEART BE FILLED WITH BRIGHT-NESS
AT TIMES LIKE THESE,
I FIND MYSELF WONDERING ABOUT THIS LITTLE GIRL'S GIFTS AND POTENTIAL
CAN I REALLY ?!
DO YOU WANT TO TRY ??
PERHAPS SHE WILL TRULY SUCCEED AS A FAIRY
FU..
WITH AYA'S HELP, YOU CAN

WINK
ALRIGHT. I'LL BE WAITING HERE
OK! I'LL GO SET AYA NOW !!!
SQK
DON!
KA-SUMI !!
THAT REALLY SHOCKED ME !!!
OW
OW
OW
ARE YOU ALRIGHT KASUMI ??
AHH !!
A-I
OUCH !!

VRRRMM!!
I'M FINE! I'M GOING TO GO GET AYA RIGHT NOW !!
HEY !! I SAW EVERY LITTLE DETAIL !!
N-NO !!
MAYBE WE'D BETTER LEAVE IT TILL NEXT TIME
YOU DON'T SEEM FINE
FINE !!
KAN SAI !!
IN ALL THESE YEARS OF FRIEND-SHIP I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR MORE "ATTRACTIVE" POINTS
EH?
I SUPPOSE YOU USED THE SAME TACTICS TO GET YOUR LAST GIRL-FRIEND!

WHEN SHE'S WITH THE MAN THAT SHE LIKES SHE'LL KNOW WHAT THEY ARE
SHE'S A BIRL
LIKE ?
WELL, I'M SURE I HAVE SOME
WAIT
WHAT "ATTRACTIVE" POINTS ?!
YOU TELL ME !!
IT S A BRIDGE OF CONNECTION THAT YOU BOTH SHARE AND IT'S RIGHT
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU ?
TP !
HERE

KANSAI
BUT THE FACT THAT YOU SO DEFENSIVE IS JUST EVIDENCE MIKA ZUKI
SO I WANT YOU TO STOP MAKING SUCH COMMENTS
AND SHE SHE IS MY STUDENT
STOP IT DO NOT FORGET THAT I M A FAIRY
THAT TIME
OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS NOT AS THE ONE YOU ARE IMAGINING
THAT IS THE FIRST POINT.
AND YOUR PRINCESS FROM SO MANY YEARS AGO, DID THAT FRIENDSHIP NOT TURN INTO LOVE AS WELL ...?

KASUMI IS STUDYING TO BE A FAIRY RIGHT NOW
SINFUL TEMPTATIONS WILL ONLY TAKE HER AWAY FROM IT
YES BECAUSE FAIRIES CAN'T FALL IN LOVE
SINFUL TEMPTATION ....?
CAN'T ?!
IF, WHEN I WAS WITH HER, I HAD ANY DISHONORABLE THOUGHTS I WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO HELL.
THE [DEBAUCHERY] SAISHIDEN WAS TALKING ABOUT, WOULD BE A WAY TO PUT IT

MY DUTY IS TO GUARD THE VILLAGE
OTHER THAN THAT, MY "COMPASSION" LIES NOWHERE
SO YOU RE SAYING YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE COMPASSION FOR FEELINGS ??
FINE, LET S LEAVE KASUMI OUT OF THIS FOR A MOMENT
OK OK
KANSAI SAMA !!!
HAHAHA, THANK YOU !!!
WINK!!
OF COURSE NOT I COME TO SEE YOU !!
DO YOU COME HERE EVERYDAY JUST TO SEE KOCHI ??
YOU RE LOOKING WELL !!

THANK GOODNESS LANDIA SAMA CAME
IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE WHEN SHE'S ONE OF THEM AZUKI SAMA...
WHAT'S WITH THE DIFFERENT REACTIONS ?!?!
?
I'M READY !!
FIRST I WANT YOU AND AYA TO RELAX
THANK THE WIND LIGHT AND EARTH ALL OF NATURE'S GIFTS
AND THEN IMAGINE YOUR WISH PRAY FOR YOUR WISH

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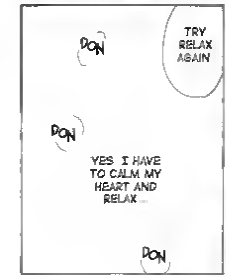
TRY RELAX AGAIN
DON
DON
YES I HAVE TO CALM MY HEART AND RELAX...
DON
DON

IT FELT LIKE THERE WAS A GUST OF WIND RUSHING INTO MY BODY...
NO!
SEEMS HARD TO DO !!
YOU STARTED OFF WELL
ドキ

YOU MUST RELAX !!
AYA !!
MM !!
AYA'S FEATHERS ARE GIVING OF A LIGHT
MM ....
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL
IT SMELLS LIKE DRY EARTH
IT'S SMELLS WONDERFUL
PI !!
KASUMI !!
I HAVE TO CALM MYSELF ...
EVEN THOUGH MIKAZUKI SAMA IS SO CLOSE TO ME ....

THE WIND RUSHING THROUGH MY BODY FEEL SO COMFORTABLE
THE WIND
I CAN HEAR THE WIND IT'S LIKE THE SOUND OF LEAVES RUSTLING AS THEY TOUCHED BY THE WIND
FEATHERS...? NO, IT'S NOT JUST THE FEATHERS THAT ARE GIVING OUT LIGHT
P! !!

WHAT IS THIS ?!
DID SHE MAKE THESE OUT OF LIGHT?! AMAZING!
.....

EVEN SO, THIS LITTLE GIRL
WHAT'S GOING ON ??
KOCHI! KOCHI! DID YOU SEE IT ??
THIS LITTLE GIRL RADIATES LIGHT'S AND GIVES WARMTH TO THOSE AROUND HER
YOU DID IT, AYA !!!
FU
NO, IT WAS KASUMI WHO DID IT !!
JUST WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL OF THIS STUDENT OF MINE ?
HMM IT'S REALLY
BIRDS ARE THE ENEMIES OF THE BUTTERFLIES.
THUS, THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE BORNE FROM THE LIGHT
KASUMI AND AYA COMBINED THEIR POWERS, BUT EVEN SO

ARE YOU REFFERING TO THE INCIDENT WHERE WE TRIED SMOKE OUT THE HEAVEN ?
YES.
THEY MANAGED TO BLOCK IT OUT AT THE PALACE
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THEY HAVE THEIR OWN DEFENSES ?
YES. IF WE HAD THE WIND GODS CO-OPERATING WITH US, THIS WOULD NOT BE SO TROUBLE-SOME
WHAT ABOUT THE COOPER-ATION OF A FAIRY ?
IN THE END IT WAS A FAILURE.
EH ?

IT'S HAPPENED NOW, BUT NEXT TIME, WE CANNOT AFFORD SUCH–
GEN-ERAL !!
AT FIRST, I HAD DECIDED TO USE THE WASPS AS A SCAPEGOAT FOR OUR REVENGE. HOWEVER THERE IS NOW SOME TENSION BETWEEN THEM AND US
WE MET ONE A FEW DAYS ABO
YES
I'M SORRY. I AGREE WITH GENERAL. BUT WE CAN'T LET OURSELVES BE DISADVANTAGED
I KNOW. THAT IS WHY I'M RE-SOLVING TO THE FINAL HAND.
IF WE DON'T REVISE OUR PLANS CARE-FULLY, THERE IS NO SAYING HOW MANY LIVES WILL BE LOST ON OUR SIDE
BUT GENERAL !! THAT'S JUST

I WILL NOT ALLOW ANY MORE OF THIS SUFFERING.
THERE IS ONLY ONE THAT I WISH TO KILL BY MY OWN HAND.
MIKAZUKI...
A MEETING...?
YES. PLEASE REPORT TO THE MEETING ROOM.
THEY HAVE BEEN FREQUENT RECENTLY.

SO THE BARISU ATTACK WAS DEFINITELY THE DOING OF THE GIA TRIBE ?!
IT WAS ALL CAUSED BY KOCHI'S INSOLENCE
BUT THEN WHO CAN FILL THE VACANCY OF THE EAST WIND GOD TITLE?
I THINK KOCHI IS UNWORTHY TO RETURN TO HIS FORMER PLACE
IT'S DESPICABLE OF THEM !!
PLEASE WAIT!! WE DID NOT CALL THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS KOCHI'S RIGHTS AND PUNISHMENT!
PRIORITY WISE WE HAVE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE BEFORE US !!
NO I BELIEVE THAT IT WAS US WHO WRONGED THEM FIRST WE SHOULD TRY TO REPAIR DAMAGE BEFORE IT GETS WORSE

THERE WAS SOME INJURY DONE TO OUR PEOPLE, AND SLIGHT DAMAGE TO THE PALACE AS WELL
KANSAI IS RIGHT
WE MUST DISCUSS THE BARISU INCIDENT FIRST
YES IT DOES SEEM THAT KOCHI WAS IN THE WRONG
MY OPINION IS THAT WE CALL FOR THE HEAD OF THE GIA AND DISCUSS THIS WITH THEM
I DISAGREE !!
WHY SHOULD WE APOLOGIZE? THEY HAVE ONLY HAD ONE CASUALTY. WHEREAS OUR WHOLE HEAVEN WAS AFFECTED!

BEAUTIFUL
LUSTROUS
NO COMPLAINT !!
SO ARE THE SEEDS !!
THE BUDS ARE OPENING !!
BUT IF THEY DON'T FLOWER THEN IT'S ALL LOST
AH, REALLY ???
MM HMM
THE GIA TRIBE DID HAVE INTENTIONAL HARM DONE TO US
THEN IT SHOULD BE THEM WHO SHOULD SURRENDER TO US
THEN LET IT BE DONE

WOW. THESE AREN'T JUST BEAUTIFUL,
YES
BUT THEY ARE MORE AMAZING BY THE DAY !!
HEY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO MY BEANS !?
WHAT'S GOING ON ?!
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KOCHI! LOOK!
WHAT THE ! IT'S COMING TOWARD US!

THEY LOOK LIKE LOCUSTS
MIKAZUKI SAMA!! COME! LOOK AT THESE INSECTS !!
GET AWAY FROM MY PLANTS !!!
YOU TWO DON'T LEAVE THIS AREA! I'M GOING TO CREATE A KEKKAI*
*KEKKAI: A MAGICAL BARRIER.

DON'T LEAVE THIS AREA! I'M LEAVING NOW !!
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR THE CAUSE OF THIS PHENO-MENON !!
BUT THERE ARE STILL SO MANY!
BUT AT LEAST WE PRE-VENTED SOME OF THEM
SOME OF THEM HAVE COME INTO THE KEKKAI !!
GET AWAY !!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU EAT MY BLOOD AND SWEAT'S WORK !!
KOCHI !!
KARIN, YOU MUST MAINTAIN THE KEKKAI !!
KU
STOP KOCHI !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
WE HAVE TO KILL THEM!!

EH ??
KASUMI CHAN THE AURA OF THE LOCUSTS AREN'T LIKE THOSE OF HUMANS
GET AWAY !!
I DON'T CARE! WE STILL HAVE TO KILL THEM ALL!!!
COULD THIS BE THE DOING OF THE GIA AGAIN?!
WHAT THE ?! CHIL-DREN !?!??
BUT I CARE!! THEY ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GIA TRIBE! THEY ARE ONLY INNOCENT CHILDREN !!
PLEASE!! STOP BEING SO NAIIVE !!
PI PI PI PI !!
YES !!
AYA DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE DID JUST NOW?

RELAXING MY HEART
BORROW THE POWER OF NATURE
AND THEN
THANKING NATURE FOR HER GIFTS
COME TO ME
NO ONE WILL GET HURT

THEY ARE ONLY CHILDREN... WE DON'T HAVE TO FEAR THEM
IT'S ALRIGHT.
BUT IF YOU DO THAT, THEN THE WASPS OF THE OUTSIDE WILL FLY IN HERE
KÄRIN SAMA COULD YOU RELEASE THE KEKKAI? THEY WANT TO GO
I UNDERSTAND BUT IF I SENSE ANY DANGER, I WILL IMMEDIATELY CREATE THE KEKKAI AGAIN
IT'S OKAY!! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT.
GO !!
EVERYONE CAN GO HOME NOW

THEIR AURA HAS CHANGED
THEY'VE ALL SPREAD OUT NOW
SHE'S INCREDIBLE
KUKU, IT'S A PITY MIKAZUKI HASN'T DISCOVERED IT YET
EH ?
I GUESS KOCHI STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND MY LANGUAGE
WHAT DID YOU SAY ??
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS MESS AT LEAST YOU'VE INTEGRITY I LIKE THAT
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING TO ME ?!?!?

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